

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ and/or in ~~[[double brackets]]~~ if the deletion would be difficult to see.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) An extrusion die having at least one flexible lip element for discharging extruded material from a gap, the flow cross section of which can be modified, wherein at least one flexible lip element can be moved relative to the other lip element by means of a plurality of jointly actuatable lever elements;

wherein a first end of each of the plurality of lever elements is mounted in a groove in an exit region of the flexible lip element, and a second end of each of the plurality of lever elements pivotably engages with a slide in a die body or a retaining element associated therewith, the slide being supported with respect to the die body and/or the retaining element of the flexible lip element;

wherein a gap height of the flow cross section between the respective oppositely situated lip elements can be modified by a linear motion of the slide in an X direction as the result of pivoting of the lever elements about an angle.

2. (Currently amended) The extrusion die according to Claim 1, wherein the flexible lip element has a tapered flexural region between ~~the~~~~[[an]]~~ exit region and ~~the~~~~[[a]]~~ die body, the plurality of jointly actuatable lever elements being situated between the exit region and the die body.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently amended) The extrusion die according to Claim [[3]]1, wherein the slide can be moved back and forth in an X direction by means of an actuating element.
6. (Previously presented) The extrusion die according to Claim 5, wherein the actuating element is designed as a manually actuatable drive device, in particular a screw thread or spindle.
7. (Previously presented) The extrusion die according to Claim 5, wherein the actuating element is designed as a geared element, servomotor, electromechanical drive device, hydraulic cylinder, or the like.
8. (Currently amended) The extrusion die according to Claim [[3]]1, wherein the slide is mounted in a recess in the die body or the[[a]] retaining element thereof.
9. (Previously presented) The extrusion die according to Claim 8, wherein the slide in the recess is supported by a plurality of needle roller bearing elements.
10. (Currently amended) The extrusion die according to Claim [[3]]1, wherein the slide can be linearly moved, and under pushing or pulling loads is supported by a plurality of bearing elements.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Currently amended) The extrusion die according to Claim [[4]]1, wherein the[[a]] plurality of lever elements adjacently situated in parallel are pivotably mounted at one end in the flexible lip element, and at the other end are mounted

in the slide at a uniform distance from one another, the slide element being supported and mounted so as to be linearly movable in the X direction with respect to the die body or the retaining element.

13. (Currently amended) The extrusion die according to Claim 1, wherein the other lip element is a second flexible lip element having a plurality of actuators running over the entire width in order to adjust the second flexible lip element between an exit region of the second flexible lip element, a tapered region of the second flexible lip element, and a die body of the second flexible lip element over the width as a function of the location along the X direction, for setting a parallel, uniform gap between the flexible lip element and the second flexible lip element.